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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 10, 2006, the period of response being extended from October 10, 2006 to December 10, 2006.

The appropriate fee is being charged via EFS-Web. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-3739.

Respectfully Submitted,

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